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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications of T-Mobile US, Inc. and Sprint Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations; WT Docket No. 18-197

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b), notice is hereby provided of oral *ex parte* presentations in the above-referenced docket. On February 25, 2019, Neville R. Ray, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of T-Mobile US, Inc. ("T-Mobile"), Peter Ewens, Executive Vice President, Corporate Strategy of T-Mobile, Kathleen Ham, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs of T-Mobile, Steve Sharkey, Vice President, Government Affairs, Technology and Engineering Policy, and R. Michael Senkowski and the undersigned of DLA Piper LLP met with Commissioner Brendan Carr and his Legal Advisor Will Adams. During the meeting, representatives of T-Mobile described recent filings they have made in the above-captioned docket and responded to questions from the FCC participants.

Specifically, the T-Mobile representatives described their recent filing on the merger's effects during the 2019-2021 period in which the networks will be combined. They reviewed how *in each year* capacity increases of the merged firm would exceed the combined standalones, throughput increases of the merged firm would exceed the standalones, and the expected net present value of consumer welfare would also increase. The T-Mobile representatives additionally summarized their discussion with the Transaction Team regarding porting data versus other switching data. They described the evidence provided in those presentation materials (submitted into the docket on February 25) that porting data is not representative of the behavior of consumers who do not port their number. The T-Mobile representatives also generally reviewed the other public interest benefits of the proposed T-Mobile/Sprint transaction for consumers and competition, particularly in light of increased convergence occurring in the marketplace.



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Finally, the representatives of T-Mobile highlighted the transformative impact of the merger for consumers and the 5G marketplace that neither company could accomplish alone. The unique combination of low and mid-band spectrum and network assets, and the resulting cost-savings of this combination, is a one-time opportunity to generate greater investment that is certain to catapult New T-Mobile forward with a superior 5G network that will spur competition, lower prices, and innovation in the United States.

Please direct any questions regarding the foregoing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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